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--ABSTRACT

According to the invention, at least partly loaded network elements are determined for the provision of network elements in a communication system by means of providing a service. Load thresholds are also determined for network elements. On a service provision request an exceeding of the fixed load threshold values, related to the provision of the requested service, is checked for. On exceeding the threshold values a provision of the required network elements is authorised.--